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St Michael's Parish Good News



PARISH SUPPORT CENTRE: 121-123 High Street, Berwick 3806 Ph: 9707 1355
WEB: www.stmichaelsparish.org.au **FACEBOOK:** fb.me/StMichaelsBerwick
Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri: 9.00am - 4.30pm, Tue: 1.00pm - 4.30pm, Thurs: 9.00am - 12.00pm
St Michael's Catholic Parish acknowledges that we are on the traditional land of the Bunurong People. We pay respect to all elders, past, present, and future, and we are committed to achieving Reconciliation.

Welcome to St Michael's Parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome at St Michael's Parish. Any concerns, please contact the Safeguarding Officer on 9707 1355 or secretary@stmichaelsparish.org.au

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 14/15 NOVEMBER 2026

COMING WEEK'S MASSES
Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 6.00pm

WEEKDAYS
Mon: 9.30am
Tue: 9.30am
Wed: 7.30am
9.30am
Thu-Fri: 9.30am
Sat: 10.00am
All preceded by the Rosary

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 8.30am - 9.45am
5.00pm - 5.45pm

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PARISH INFORMATION
BAPTISMS
Please contact the Parish Centre

MARRIAGES
At least six months' notice requested

FACEBOOK:
www.facebook.com/StMichaelsBerwick/

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS
https://www.cdsale.org.au/safeguarding-resources

JUBILEE YEAR of ST FRANCIS PRAYER



Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.
You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.
You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.
In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen

MEMORIAL MASS



On Tuesday November 17 at 7.00pm in memory of those we have lost.
If you are able to attend, please feel free to bring a photo of your loved one to be displayed during this special Mass.

THE L.A.M.P YOUTH EVENT *'Change starts with you'*

At St Michael's School Stadium, Saturday, November 21, 11am - 4pm.
Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg and concelebrated by Fr Confidence and priests from our Diocese. For sign up scan QR
See poster in the Foyer.

Please bring along two or more non-perishable goods.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

"Take Courage! I have overcome the world" Jn 16:33
Diocese of Sale is inviting young people aged 16 years to 35 years to be a part of this pilgrimage.
If you wish to attend as either a pilgrim or a small group leader, **Expressions of Interest** are now OPEN and will close on Friday December 4.
Register at https://www.cdsale.org.au/world-youth-day-seoul



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To everyone celebrating in November.



MEETINGS

MONTHLY CUPPA
2nd Sunday after 9.00am Mass – Dec 13
3rd Sunday after 10.30am – Dec 20

RCIA
Wednesday 7.30pm

MONTHLY PRAYER MINISTRY:
1st Sun of each month from 10.00am

FILIPINO MASS
3rd Sunday at 3.00pm – November 15

INDONESIAN MASS
1st Saturday at 5.00pm PSC – Dec 6

LEGION OF MARY
Tuesday 10.15am - 11.45am PSC
Prayer Box in foyer for intentions

MENS GROUP
Tuesday 7.30pm PSC

PARISH ROSARY:
Monday 2.30pm
Zoom 829 9519 6798

SVDP CONFERENCE
2nd Tuesday of the month 7.00pm PSC

CBS BIBLE STUDY
Thursday 7.00pm PSC

MEDITATION SESSIONS
Resumes in February

RISEN LORD COMMUNITY
Friday 7.15pm

PARISH SCHOOLS

ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY
16 Scanlan Street, Berwick
Phone: 8794 2400

ST CATHERINE'S PRIMARY
73 Ridgemont Drive, Berwick
Phone: 9702 1466

ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY
25 Bayview Road, Officer
Phone: 5943 2447

ST FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE
Phone: 9707 3111

SERVICES AVAILABLE

SHALOM WORLD: Catholic channel.
SWTV via
https://www.stmichaelsparish.org.au

CATHOLIC CARE: 1800 522 076

SVDP SOUP VAN THUR/SUN:
Narre Warren IGA - 6.30pm / 6.45pm
Hampton Park Baptist Church
- 7.30pm / 8.00pm

MOBILE PANTRY VAN: 1st & 3rd Tue
Narre Warren IGA - 11.30am-11.45am
Hampton Park Baptist Church
- 12.00pm-12.30pm

Vinnies Welfare Assistance
Mon-Fri - 1800 305 330

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP

ORANGE DOOR: 1800 319 354
Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732

SAFE STEPS: 1800 015 188

NO TO VIOLENCE - MEN'S REFERRAL SERVICE: 1300 766 491
Mon-Fri: 8.00am – 9.00pm,
Sat-Sun: 9.00am – 6.00pm

MULTI-CULTURAL CENTRE AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE: 1800 755 988

WAYS Emergency Accommodation:
9703 0044 or after 5.00pm 1800 825 955

LIFELINE: 13 11 14

BEYOND BLUE: 1300 22 4636
or https://www.beyondblue.org.au/

PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF: Soma Pathirana, Cathy Long, Maurice Rowland, Fr Brendan Lane, Fr Vince McGillicuddy OMI and all those who died recently and for Jim Goodie, Claribel Pereira, Michael Shave, Michael Chong, Mary Nolan, Lydia & Elias Papillan, Alec Owen, Vincent Zahra, Alan Spreckley, Sheila Carter, Leslie Lawrence, Vernan Fernando, Susan Shoreman, Joseph Kanayankal, Theresa Wilson, Jorge Rodriguez, Edmund O'Brien, Manisha Ratnayake, Jimmy Vamben, Cyril Benoit and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS: Brian Curtis, Patricia Bosser, Rex Clair, Anthony Morril, Ricardo Cabrera, Gloria Leonardo, Marlene Rico, Anna Tekin, Sandra Walker, Marion Fletcher, Maureen Dalai, Josie & Bobby Richardson, Marielle Steinhage, Harry Cullen, Heath O'Loughlin, Betty Guerin, Jeremy Fahie, Michael Trottor, Veronica Ogilvie, Mary Clarke, Danielle Tobin, Hilda Newstead, Elmo Silvapulle, Marie Restituto, Jackie Otoole, Rita Rowland, Brian Homewood, Maureen Donnelly, Judith Van Es, Ivor Silvapulle.
[Names will be removed after one month, unless advised]

BAPTISMS: Our parish welcomes Layla Benham, Harvey Mason, Grae Gemora, Oliver Papworth, James Anthony and Liliana Benipayo baptised recently. We pray that they will continue to be a special part of our parish.

GOOD NEWS: Notices required by 10.00am, Thursday. Thank you.

MILITARY ORDINARIATE COLLECTION: $947.60 was donated thank you for your generosity.

CUPPA AFTER MASS: After 10.30am Mass has been cancelled this month.

PIETY: God's Word $25.00, Columban Calendar $10.00, 'The Way of the Heart' Advent Daily Reflection $5.00. All are available at the Parish Support Centre or the Piety Stall.

ADVENT: Precedes Christmas and is a time of hopeful anticipation and joyful preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It offers us an opportunity to prayerfully commemorate the birth of Jesus, to become more aware of God's presence in our everyday lives.
Advent Groups will begin the week of Monday November 23. If you would like to join or feel able to lead a group, please contact the Parish Support Centre. We will advertise groups dates and times once we have leaders.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: Is available for collection in the foyer.

PARISH SOCIAL GROUP: Thank you to everyone who attended and enjoyed our recent get-together. Meetings will now be held on the first Monday of each month. Next meeting December 7, 12.00pm-2.00pm.

GIVING TREE: Will be up from the weekend of November 21/22. Gifts can be placed under the Christmas tree until December 06/07 to enable early distribution of gifts. As there is a lack of gift choices for teenagers SVDP has suggested gift cards or movie vouchers for this age group. Thank you. Please do not wrap presents.



VOICES IN CELEBRATION: Concert will be held November 29 from 2.00pm to 5.00pm in the stadium. This afternoon music and community will raise much-needed funds for our new sound system. Bookings can be made via TryBooking https://www.trybooking.com/DRGUD or the Parish Support Centre. See poster for details.

RAFFLE: Please contact the Parish Support Centre if you can help us out with donations for a raffle to support our sound system.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

RISEN LORD COMMUNITY RETREATS: 'Breakthrough" November 18 – 21 see flyer in foyer. All are welcome.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: November 15 calls us to leave our comfort zones, accompany those experiencing hardship, and address rising food insecurity. Bishop Tim Harris urges Christians to build genuine relationships and advocate for justice.
Read the full message at https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/leave-your-comfort-zone-on-world-day-of-the-poor

FAITH IN ACTION: Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement at: bit.ly/StateElection2026.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS: you can give a meaningful Christmas card that helps create lasting change for vulnerable communities around the world. Whether you're shopping for family, friends or colleagues, you'll find a gift that continues to make a real difference long after Christmas Day and helps make the world a little better every day. Your gift can change lives by putting food on a family's table or helping a young girl stay in school. Give a gift this Christmas that reflects the true spirit of giving and makes a lasting impact.
Browse the full range of Global Gifts: https://www.caritas.org.au/global-gifts

REFLECTION: by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: November 21.

Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honour of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.
As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the *Protoevangelium of James* tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

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It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands.
God came to dwell in her in a marvellous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work.
At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. We are all temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife-who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R.**

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **R.**

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.